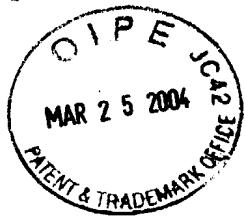


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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed **September 24, 2003** finally rejecting claims **1-10** of the above-identified patent application.

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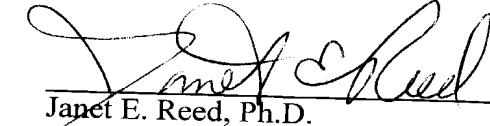
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